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VIA FACSIMILE & FEDERAL EXPRESS

Joseph F. Stoltz
Assistant Staff Director, Audit Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Citizens to Elect Rick Larsen

Dear Mr. Stoltz:

We are in receipt of the FEC's Interim Audit Report dated February 22, 2002. As you know, the Citizens to Elect Rick Larsen ("CERL") requested a 15-day extension to respond to the Interim Audit Report. The FEC granted that request. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed for the new April 11, 2002 deadline.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The CERL followed the FEC's recommendation and does not dispute that the contributions referenced in the Interim Audit Report were excessive. Accordingly, I am enclosing copies of all 49 refund checks totaling \$34,562. These checks were mailed on April 1, 2002 and sent to the appropriate contributors. Kendrick Smith agreed that sending the FEC copies of these checks is sufficient at this time because it is not possible for us to send you copies of negotiated checks given the FEC's time limits for responding to the Interim Audit Report.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The CERL followed the FEC's recommendation and filed amended reports. The CERL filed these reports electronically on April 8, 2002. For your convenience, I am enclosing copies of the relevant pages for each of the amended reports.

These amended reports disclose all 34 contributions (10 cash and 24 in-kind) on Schedule A. As you know, we have no records of the 24 in-kind contributions, and we were unable to

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